

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Yankee Picket Line Captured

Richmond, Nov. 19.—An official telegram to the War Department says that Gen. Pickett reports that on the night of the 17th, a portion of the enemy's picket line in his front was taken possession of and held. One Col. Kaufman, two Captains, two Lieutenants, and one hundred and thirteen privates were captured, besides the dead and wounded left on the ground, our loss, one killed, nine wounded.

— *The Greensborough Patriot*,
November 24th, 1864

Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

The November meeting is going to be a little different. Rather than having a speaker, this month's meeting will focus on camp business and a discussion on upcoming events, such as the Lee-Jackson Banquet. Nominations for the upcoming camp elections (to be held at the December meeting) will be discussed. As a reminder, anyone that has an interest in serving on the executive board, please plan to attend the meeting. I hope to see all of you there!

A special thanks to all of our members that represented the camp at various recent events!

- Carl Singley, John Pugh and Don Saunders for represented our camp at the NC SCV booth at the State Fair on Thursday, October 16th.
- Don Long, Billy Horne, and Charles Long participated in History of the American Soldier program at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park on November 8th.
- Charles Long, Sam Scott, and Don Saunders assisted the VFW at a Veteran's Day Memorial program in Summerfield on November 9th. A three volley salute was fired to honor all Veterans.



Jamie Funkhouser, Commander of the Forsyth Rifles Camp, presenting his program on the Battle of the Yadkin River Bridge.

Opportunity to Preserve 479 Acres at Chancellorsville

The Civil War Trust has an opportunity to preserve 479 acres of the Chancellorsville battlefield at the site of Jackson's Flank Attack. A donation match of \$9.29-to-\$1 is being offered that will allow \$4.6 million worth of hallowed ground to be saved for \$495,000! Visit their [web site](#) for more information and to make a donation.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

My father-in-law was a Presbyterian minister. One of his favorite verses was taken from the Book of Lamentations, the 3rd Chapter;

“His compassions never fail. They are new every morning ; great is your faithfulness.”

During 1864, Southern lady Emma LeConte felt hopeless and in despairing as she walked through a valley of trials. But she soon realized that “the darkest hour comes before the dawn”. For Emma LeConte, the previous year had been one of seeming hopelessness. Yet with the dawning of a new day with God comes a new hope and a fresh start. The writer of Lamentations was the Prophet Jeremiah, who is called by Biblical expositors, “the weeping prophet”. Jeremiah faced the overwhelming task of preaching to a nation of people who would not turn back to God. Yet the Holy Spirit reminded Jeremiah that the promises of God are fresh and new every morning and he will be faithful to his promises.

Another verse which came to mind was from the Psalms. Psalm 136, the first verse;

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.”

A time of Thanksgiving is upon us. It is always upon us! Every hour of every day we should be thankful. Not so much that we have been blessed in a material way but that our God loves us and accepts us as His children. We can endure problems with the knowledge that our Lord will give new mercies every morning.

May this Thanksgiving be a time for us to remember that our God, the Creator and sustainer of the world, loves us. As Augustine has said,

“God loves us as if there were only one of us to love!”

“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, For they are new every morning ; Great is your faithfulness!”

Lamentations 3:24

In case you missed it...

If you were not able to attend last month's meeting, here is what you missed.

- One of our visitors was Heather Sloan, who is the owner of the Tarheel Sutler (Historic Clothier, Tailoring, Alterations, Upholstery). She can be reached at (910) 808-8011 or via 'Tarheel Sutler' on Facebook.
- Gary Chilton was presented his membership certificate. Congratulations!
- Certificates were presented to the top sellers of our yearly Vidalia onion fund raiser.
 - Eric Garrison, "Onion King" - 174 bags!!!
 - Darnaye Teetor, Runner-up - 82 bags
 - David Moore - 76 bags
 - Gordon Teetor - 56 bags

Thanks to everyone that participated and helped make this another successful year!

- A nomination committee has been selected for the upcoming camp elections and is comprised of; John Pugh, David Long and Carl Singley. Please contact committee members with nominations for elected positions (Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain and Adjutant-Treasurer), or if you are interested in serving in any of the appointed positions (Second Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Color Sergeant, Editor, etc...).
- Carl Singley requested the camp make a \$100 donation to help start a youth oriented Southern Heritage Organization in the Burlington area. The topic was tabled for more discussion.
- Betty Sikes thanked the camp members for their cards, calls and visits on behalf of her husband, Dr. Edgar Sikes, who has been unable to attend our meetings due to health issues. In appreciation she provided camp members with coupons for a Wendy's Frosty!
- Charlie Long was presented with a certificate for "Outstanding Attendance"!
- Jamie Funkhouser, Commander of the Forsyth Rifles camp, presented a program on the "Battle of the Yadkin River Bridge". Fort York was located adjacent to where I-85 crosses the Yadkin river today and was built to protect the railroad bridge. General P.G.T. Beauregard is believed to have helped design the fort's defenses. The battle took place on April 12, 1865, after which the Union raiders retreated.

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Election of Lincoln.

Richmond, November 10. – A gentlemen who went to the front to-day to put a lady through the lines, under a flag of truce, was informed by Yankee Officers, that all the State as far as heard from had gone for Lincoln.

Lincoln's majority in Baltimore is supposed to be 15,000, In Boston, 6,000. N.Y. city, 38,000 for McClellan. N. Y. State 7,000 for Lincoln.

Grant's Last Movement Against Richmond—His Plan of Operation.

The special correspondent of the New York News writes of Grant's last movement against Richmond :

The proof of the complete failure of General Grant's last movement against Richmond is now so conclusive that it is not probable any reasonable man will presume to doubt it. To reiterate the statement that it was merely designed as a reconnaissance is to insult even non-military minds. All the advices from the front concur in stating that the object of the operations on the south side of the James was to turn Lee's right flank and get possession of the Southside railroad. This once accomplished, and the army intrenched on the line thus obtained, the gradual extension of Grant's left would eventually bring it to the junction of the Danville and Southside railroads ; add that point in our possession, it was supposed that Lee would be compelled to evacuate both Petersburg and Richmond. Three or four days would be required to establish the army on this new line, and from the fact that several days' rations were issued to the troops, it is evident that the design here outlined was really contemplated. Butler's movement on the north side of the James was not merely a feint, as has been represented. His object was to turn the left of the Richmond defences, and to accomplish this he made a detour of some fifteen miles, thinking he could by that means get in the rear of the enemy's flank and force the troops at that point to retire towards Richmond, or risk being cut off from the main army. His persistent efforts to take the works on the Williamsburg road by assault is another proof of his design to force the Confederates to fall back on the Capitol.

The loss in the three corps that advanced toward the Southside railroad was five times as great as appeared in the

first report, and may turn out greater than we now know of. The attack on the Second corps, by Mahone's division of Hill's corps, was made with almost irresistible vigour, and the confusion that ensued was so great that fears were entertained that the corps would be completely routed. In fact, the Confederates had the best of it in every engagement that occurred during the day ; for with the exception of having their skirmishers driven in, in the morning, they repulsed every advance, and showed so bold a front at every point that Grant deemed it best to abandon his design, and bring his army back to his old camp, thereby inflicting a very severe blow on the political prospects of the President.

The losses in the operations on both sides of the James are about as follows: Killed, four hundred ; wounded, sixteen hundred ; captured, one thousand ; total, three thousand. This is a very moderate estimate, and may be increased by five hundred when official returns are made out. The enemy lost about seven hundred prisoners, but in other respects their loss was trifling.

Those who remember Meade's advance on Mine Run, in November last, and compare it with that made by Grant on Thursday last, will find a striking resemblance in the two. The former was a real advance of the whole army, but it failed, and was therefore represented as a reconnaissance in force – Grant's advance was just as real, and vastly more important, but it also failed, and the credulous public is informed that it was nothing more than a "feeling" operation. Is any one sufficiently infatuated to believe such a statement?

Our Ancestors

If you would like to have your ancestors listed on the Col. John Sloan Camp web site, please provide; name, birth/death dates, resident county/state, rank/unit(s) served in, survived the war/prisoner/etc..

You may send the information via email to jfrank1@bellsouth.net, or mail to;

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Calendar of Events

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11th

376th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, November 18th

6:00 PM for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Capt. Bill's Seafood

6108 West Market St.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Speaker: TBA

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27th

Jamestown Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 PM

Line-up time: 1:30 PM

Line-up for the parade is at the Jamestown Town Hall (301 E. Main Street, Jamestown, NC 27282) in the front and rear parking lots. (Please enter from Teague Drive).

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Speaker: Bob Zeller will present a program on the "Civil War in 3-D".

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

Charge to The Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

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